(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly has been designed to deal with health care requirements of the elderly population.

Amendment of the Human Organ Transplantation Act

861. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR:
SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently there were reports of large scale racket in kidney transplant;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the culprits have been apprehended;

(c) whether the existing provisions in the Human Organ Transplantation Act are responsible for the racket as they restrict availability of the required quantum of kidneys for transplantation;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government is considering to revisit the Act to suitably amend the restriciting clauses; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A kidney scam in Gurgaon, Haryana has come to notice through media on 25.01.2008. It is alleged that more than 500 kidney transplants have taken place illegally from this area. The following accused persons are in police custody remand of CBI. They are Dr. Amit Kumar, Dr. Upender, Gyasuddin, Jagdish Nai, Dr. Saraj Kovind, Dr. Jeevan Kumar, Manoj Kumar, Dr. K.K. Aggarwal.

(c) to (f) No, Sir. It is a fact that the Sub-Section 1 and 3 of Section 9 of Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 only restricts the commercial dealing of human organs. This Act prohibits the transplantation of any human organ from the body of a donor befoer his death into a recipient unless the donor is a near relative of the recipient.

Emergency facility in CGHS dispensary

862. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS dispensary No. 53 at Tagore Garden, Delhi had the emergency facility earlier;

(b) whether it had also the facility of homoeopathic services; and

(c) whether these facilities have been withdrawn and if so, the reasons therefor?